

Message

From: Charmley, William [charmley.william@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/16/2016 6:31:38 PM
To: Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com
Subject: Re: National Program

Robert, let's follow up on Monday

I think we are a go for a meeting with Ford, Honda, carb and EPA (Chris and I) for January 10. I had an email exchange with Alberto and I believe he also is planning on this.

I think we should plan on between 60 and 90 minutes, and if Honda has offices in downtown Detroit we should assume it will be there.

Thanks
 Bill

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 16, 2016, at 10:06 AM, "Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com" <Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com> wrote:

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 > I've been on a business trip all week, but I haven't heard anything. I'd
 > appreciate the push, because I need to buy a ticket. In addition, the
 > longer we wait, the worse the Trump Administration appears. Our window
 > might be closing fast. I'll be back in the USA from Saturday and in next
 > week until Weds.

> ...rjb

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> On Dec 16, 2016, at 12:26 PM, Charmley, William <charmley.william@epa.gov> wrote:

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 > Robert -
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 > Have you heard anything back in response to your email below?

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 > The EPA-ARB team has a monthly overall coordination call which this month
 > is on this upcoming Monday, and I have put the Detroit auto show on the
 > agenda, so I will be pushing for us to make a decision on which date and
 > time frame would make sense for a meeting. I know for EPA it will probably
 > Chris and I, as Karl is coming in for the Monday tour, but has a commitment
 > back in DC on Tuesday.

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 > Thanks
 > Bill

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com
 > [mailto:Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com]
 > Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 3:13 PM
 > To: Nichols, Mary D. @ARB <mary.nichols@arb.ca.gov>
 > Cc: Ayala, Alberto@ARB <Alberto.Ayala@arb.ca.gov>; Charmley, William
 > <charmley.william@epa.gov>; Edward_Cohen@hna.honda.com; Grundler,
 > Christopher <grundler.christopher@epa.gov>; Viera John J.
 > <jviera@ford.com>; McCarthy, Mike@ARB <michael.mccarthy@arb.ca.gov>; Corey,
 > Richard@ARB <richard.corey@arb.ca.gov>; Simon, Karl <Simon.Karl@epa.gov>;
 > Cliff, Steve@ARB <Steve.Cliff@arb.ca.gov>
 > Subject: Re: National Program

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 > Tuesday (1/10) afternoon? Wednesday (1/11) morning? Honda has an office

> one block away from Cobo Hall and we can probably host.
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> On Dec 9, 2016, at 12:06 PM, Nichols, Mary D. @ARB
> <mary.nichols@arb.ca.gov> wrote:
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> Yes and yes, I agree.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Dec 9, 2016, at 11:44 AM, "Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com"
> <Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com> wrote:
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>> Mary:
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>> Rumor has it that you are planning to attend the Detroit Auto Show.
>> Any chance for a follow-up discussion? I realize things look pretty
>> grim,
>> but
>> I am an optimist, and maybe good things can be forged at times like
> these.
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>> ...rjb
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>> From: "Nichols, Mary D. @ARB" <mary.nichols@arb.ca.gov>
>> To: "Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com"
>> <Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com>,
>> Cc: Grundler Chris <grundler.christopher@epa.gov>, "Viera John J."
>> <jviera@ford.com>, "Edward_Cohen@hna.honda.com"
>> <Edward_Cohen@hna.honda.com>, "Corey, Richard@ARB"
>> <richard.corey@arb.ca.gov>, "Ayala, Alberto@ARB"
>> <Alberto.Ayala@arb.ca.gov>, "Simon Karl J."
>> <simon.karl@epa.gov>, Charmley Bill <charmley.william@epa.gov>,
>> "Cliff, Steve@ARB" <Steve.Cliff@arb.ca.gov>, "McCarthy,
>> Mike@ARB" <michael.mccarthy@arb.ca.gov>
>> Date: 11/11/2016 11:58 AM
>> Subject: Re: National Program
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>> Dear Robert,
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>> In light of Tuesday's earthquake in national leadership and
>> direction, compounded by what I can only call an outrageous backdoor
>> reversal of industry's long term insistence that California's ZEV
>> mandate not be part of the national GHG/fuel economy program, I can't
>> see going ahead with next Friday's meeting.
>> As you know, in times of upheaval, personal relationships are more
>> important than ever. I value the dialogue you and I have had over many
>> years, and I don't intend to punish you and John for something I very
> much
>> doubt you are responsible for. But the fact is we need some time to
>> regroup in light of the threat to slow down or derail the MTR.
>> I doubt this issue is at the top of the President-elect's to-do list,
>> and
> I
>> am not ready to assume the worst, but wild uncertainty--exacerbated by
>> stuff like Mitch's unfortunate letter--does not create an environment
>> conducive to creative problem solving.
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>> Best personal regards,
>> Mary
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>> On Nov 11, 2016, at 5:30 AM, "Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com"
>> <Robert_Bienenfeld@ahm.honda.com> wrote:
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>>> Mary, Chris:
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>>> I just spent Wednesday at EPA in Ann Arbor, and Thursday at NHTSA in DC.
>>> There is a lot of uncertainty, right now.
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>>> John Viera and I have talked about this and we very much want to keep
> our
>>> next meeting, scheduled for Friday, Nov 18th, 10am-12pm. We will
>>> host
>> Mary
>>> and John Viera at Honda in Torrance, and the others will tie in by
> video.
>>> It seems to me that our discussions are just as important as ever,
>>> but
>> with
>>> different partners than we expected.
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>>> The Alliance has just sent a provocative letter to the Trump
>>> transition team. However, we need to engage cooler heads who can keep
>>> their eyes focused on our long-term, global goals. The auto industry
>>> has an
>> interest
>>> in the stability of regulations, in national programs, and in the
>>> continuity of our investments.
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>>> John and I are in alignment about our optimism for the potential of
> these
>>> discussions and we hope you feel the same way.
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>>> Regards,
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